

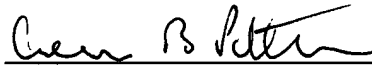
REMARKS

Claims 1-53 are pending in the application and are subject to restriction and/or election requirement. The claims have been restricted under 35 U.S.C. § 121 as follows:

- I. Claims 1-29, drawn to a method of increasing collapse resistance of a tubular using an internal tool, classified in class 72 subclass 75;
- II. Claim 30, drawn to a method of increasing collapse resistance of a tubular using an external tool, classified in class 72 subclass 370.1;
- III. Claims 31-35, drawn to a method of increasing collapse resistance of a tubular using an radial force, classified in class 72 subclass 76;
- IV. Claims 36 & 42, drawn to a product by method, classified in class 72 subclass 370.8.;
- V. Claims 37-41 drawn to a method of increasing collapse resistance of a tubular using strength and hardness process, classified in class 166 subclass 207; and
- VI. Claims 43-53 drawn to a method of increasing collapse resistance of a tubular using additional monitoring options, classified in class 72 subclass 370.06.

Applicants elect Group I. Applicants have canceled claims 30-53 without prejudice. Having addressed all issues set out in the office action, Applicants respectfully request prosecution of claims 1-29.

Respectfully submitted,



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